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WORLD LARD OUTPUT

UNCHANGED IN 1963

Lard output in the world's leading producing countries in 1963 is estimated at 7,150 million pounds, unchanged from 1962.

Production in North America, South America, and Western Europe showed no change in 1963 as decreases in some countries were offset by increases elsewhere.

U.S. production continued to decline, largely because of the continued drop in the average yield of lard per hog. This same factor coupled with reduced slaughter in 1964 will mean a further reduction in output this year. There were no significant changes in production reported for South American countries.

The greatest change shown for Western Europe was a 15 million pound drop in France. This was offset by smaller gains in several other countries.

Lard production in Eastern Europe was down 80 million pounds because of a large drop in Poland and a lesser reduction in Yugoslavia.

The estimated production increase of 100 million pounds in the USSR is associated with the increased slaughter of hogs brought about by acute feed shortages last year.

This Circular contains more detailed information than the summary of similar title published in the monthly supplement issue of World Agricultural Production and Trade, June 1964.

## Trade

Exports from major lard producing countries, outside of Communist bloc countries, rose about one-fifth in 1965. Most of the increase was accounted for by larger exports from the United States. U.S. lard exports reached 538 million pounds, reversing the downward trend of the previous two years. The U.S. share of total exports was 65 percent, also reversing a downward trend of recent years. There was also a slight rise in shipments from the Netherlands.

The increasing volume of trade in lard continued in 1964. The United Kingdom remained the largest buyer in 1963 and increased its buying in 1964. There has also been increased buying by several countries in Eastern Europe. Cuba has become the second leading importer once again but on a far smaller scale than in the days prior to the Communist take-over. Most of its supplies now come from the Netherlands whereas they formerly were supplied by the United States. Most of the other major importing countries took about the same, or less lard in 1963 than in 1962.

## Outlook

Total lard production in 1964 in the major producing countries is likely to be about the same as in 1963. Production is forecast to be down in the United States. Hog numbers in Western Europe were at a cyclical low point in late 1963, and pork production is not expected to recover fully until late 1964 or early 1965. The recovery in Eastern Europe may take somewhat longer.

Foreign demand for U.S. lard has been strong during the first three quarters of 1964 and exports for the year may reach 700 million pounds, unless unusually high prices begin to have an adverse effect upon sales. It is also likely that total exports from major producing countries will exceed 900 million pounds with the U.S. share of the total approaching 80 percent.

Table 1.--LARD: World exports, U.S. exports, and U.S. production, average 1956-60, annual 1954-63

Year	Estimated world exports 1/	United States			
		Exports	Exports as percent of world exports	Pro- duction	Exports as percent of production
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Million pounds	Percent
Average:					
1956-60.....	797	545	68	2,615	21
Annual:					
1954.....	624	465	75	2,330	20
1955.....	784	562	72	2,660	21
1956.....	799	611	76	2,757	22
1957.....	772	501	65	2,547	20
1958.....	660	389	59	2,426	16
1959.....	862	604	70	2,780	22
1960.....	897	620	69	2,563	24
1961.....	727	417	57	2,517	17
1962.....	705	422	60	2,480	17
1963 2/.....	826	538	65	2,476	22

1/ Excludes possible trade between Communist countries for which no data are available. 2/ Preliminary.



LARD 1/: Estimated production in specified countries, average 1956-60  
annual 1961-63

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1961	1962	1963 2/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
North America:				
Canada.....	140	130	124	125
Mexico 3/.....	80	83	91	95
United States.....	2,615	2,517	2,480	2,476
Total North America 4/.....	2,890	2,780	2,750	2,750
South America:				
Argentina 5/.....	61	62	51	50
Brazil.....	191	215	203	208
Chile.....	24	33	31	31
Colombia.....	28	31	31	30
Total South America 4/.....	350	390	370	370
Europe:				
Austria.....	79	82	80	81
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	34	36	40	43
Denmark.....	59	74	76	77
France.....	164	169	185	170
Germany, West 6/ 7/.....	551	585	584	584
Italy.....	81	88	86	88
Netherlands.....	28	30	31	31
Portugal.....	45	46	42	39
Spain.....	21	16	15	17
Sweden.....	18	20	14	14
United Kingdom.....	22	22	22	22
Total Western Europe 4/.....	1,130	1,200	1,210	1,210
Bulgaria 5/ 7/.....	59	73	71	---
Czechoslovakia 5/ 7/.....	179	191	187	---
Germany, East 5/ 7/.....	196	196	156	---
Hungary 5/ 7/.....	116	101	125	126
Poland 5/ 7/.....	480	550	543	466
Yugoslavia 5/ 7/.....	241	281	265	255
Total Eastern Europe 4/.....	1,270	1,390	1,350	1,270
Total Europe 4/.....	2,400	2,590	2,560	2,480
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia) 5/7/:	1,000	1,150	1,240	1,340
Other countries:				
South Africa, Rep. of 5/ 7/..:	22	22	22	22
Japan 7/.....	58	82	129	109
Total other countries 4/....:	140	180	230	210
Total specified countries 4/	6,780	7,090	7,150	7,150

1/ Estimates of rendered lard except where otherwise noted. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Commercial.  
4/ Includes an allowance for any missing data from countries shown and minor producing countries not shown. 5/ Calculated from pork production. 6/ Includes Saarland. 7/ Includes unrendered pork fat in terms of lard.

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Table 3.--LARD: Exports from specified countries,  
average 1956-60, annual 1960-63

Country	Average 1956-60	1960	1961	1962	1963 <u>1/</u>
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
United States.....	545	620	417	422	538
Netherlands <u>2/</u> .....	98	114	145	127	139
France.....	68	94	98	76	72
Denmark.....	27	20	27	33	34
Belgium-Luxembourg....	26	19	11	23	19
Argentina.....	26	22	22	17	17
Sweden.....	5	6	6	7	7
Canada.....	2	2	1	--	--
Total.....	797	897	727	705	826

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes lard processed from imported greases.

Table 4.--LARD: Imports into specified countries,  
average 1956-60, annual 1960-63

Country	Average 1956-60	1960	1961	1962	1963 <u>1/</u>
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
United Kingdom.....	310	453	385	444	500
Cuba.....	185	190	<u>2/</u> 97	<u>3/</u> 52	<u>4/</u> 57
Germany, West.....	67	53	51	49	37
Peru.....	36	40	34	29	20
Belgium & Luxembourg...	25	16	24	26	21
Canada.....	14	21	25	25	17
Yugoslavia.....	43	--	4	5	16
Japan.....	23	39	19	14	14
Mexico.....	11	11	9	7	7
Netherlands.....	1	1	2	2	2
Austria.....	13	1	--	--	--
Costa Rica.....	10	10	4	--	--
Guatemala.....	9	5	--	--	--
Total.....	747	840	654	653	691

1/ Preliminary. 2/ U.S. exports, 43 million pounds; Netherlands 38; U.S.S.R. 14 and Poland 2 million pounds. 3/ Netherlands 24 million pounds and U.S.S.R. 29 million pounds. 4/ Netherlands exports.

Table 5.--LARD (INCLUDING RENDERED PORK FAT): U.S. exports  
by country of destination, average 1956-60, annual 1960-63

Country	Average 1956-60	1960	1961	1962	1963 <sup>1/</sup>
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
United Kingdom.....	216	349	278	350	436
Germany, West.....	31	16	19	14	19
Canada.....	15	21	22	21	15
Yugoslavia.....	35	2/	--	2/	14
Mexico.....	12	10	12	11	11
Czechoslovakia.....	--	--	--	1	8
Bolivia.....	4	3	4	1	7
Haiti.....	7	8	8	7	6
Panama.....	5	3	3	4	3
Chile.....	1	1	2	1	2
China, Taiwan.....	--	--	--	--	2
Japan.....	2/	2/	1	2/	1
Cuba.....	183	190	43	--	--
Others.....	36	19	25	12	14
Total.....	545	620	417	422	538

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary. <sup>2/</sup> Less than 500,000 pounds.

Table 6.--LARD: Netherlands exports by country of destination  
average 1956-60, annual 1960-63

Country	Average 1956-60	1960	1961	1962	1963 <sup>1/</sup>
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
Cuba.....	--	--	38	24	57
Peru.....	25	36	34	22	15
Germany, West.....	16	17	16	20	14
Hungary.....	3	2	7	5	14
Japan.....	18	27	17	14	13
Bolivia.....	1	2	9	14	5
United Kingdom.....	15	9	7	7	4
Hong Kong.....	3	9	11	12	3
Other countries.....	17	12	6	9	14
Total.....	98	114	145	127	139

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.



Table 7.--LARD: French exports by country of destination,  
average 1956-60, annual 1960-63

Country	Average 1956-60	1960	1961	1962	1963 <sup>1/</sup>
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
Belgium & Luxembourg.....	12	21	10	31	32
United Kingdom.....	33	52	57	26	22
Germany, West.....	11	9	5	7	5
Reunion Islands.....	3	5	5	--	5
Hungary.....	--	--	5	1	2
Netherlands.....	--	1	3	2	2
Others.....	9	6	<sup>2/</sup> 13	9	4
Total.....	68	94	98	76	72

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary. <sup>2/</sup> Includes 6 million pounds to Cuba.

Table 8.--LARD: Danish exports by country of destination,  
average 1956-60, annual 1960-63

Country	Average 1956-60	1960	1961	1962	1963 <sup>1/</sup>
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
United Kingdom.....	19	15	15	17	15
Hungary.....	1	--	4	5	9
Germany, West.....	4	3	5	5	5
Germany, East.....	1	--	--	3	2
Others.....	2	2	3	3	3
Total.....	27	20	27	33	34

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

Table 9.--LARD: United Kingdom imports by country of origin,  
average 1956-60, annual 1960-63

Country	Average 1956-60	1960	1961	1962	1963 <sup>1/</sup>
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
United States.....	221	355	294	343	429
France.....	31	50	40	24	22
Denmark.....	18	16	15	17	15
Belgium & Luxembourg.....	19	16	11	23	11
Germany, West.....	--	--	--	7	10
Netherlands.....	15	10	10	7	4
Sweden.....	2	3	2	4	4
Poland.....	--	--	10	17	3
Others.....	4	3	3	2	2
Total.....	310	453	385	444	500

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

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